

May 12, 2006

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
100 Cambridge Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02202

Re: D.P.U. 96-25

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Please find attached the Petition of Wheelabrator
Environmental Systems Inc. for Leave to Intervene as a Party.

Sincerely,

William C. Sheehan

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
before the
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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Massachusetts Electric Company))	
Nantucket Electric Company)	Docket No. 96-25
New England Power Company)	
_____)	

**PETITION OF WHEELABRATOR ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS INC.
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE AS A PARTY**

Pursuant to the Notice of Filing and Public Hearing issued by the Department of Public Utilities ("DPU") in the above captioned docket pursuant to M.G.L.C. 30 Section 10 and 220 C.M.R. Section 1.03, Wheelabrator Environmental Systems Inc. ("Wheelabrator") hereby files its Petition for Leave to Intervene as a Party ("Petition") in this Docket. In support of its Petition, Wheelabrator states the following:

1. Wheelabrator is a developer of waste-to-energy facilities in the United States and abroad and currently has interest in certain facilities located in Massachusetts with power sales agreements with New England Power Company. New England Power Company is an affiliate of Massachusetts Electric Company who is a signatory to and one of the principal parties of the settlement which is the subject of this proceeding.

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2. Given the restructuring contemplated by this proceeding, Wheelabrator believes that its power sales agreements may be affected by this restructuring. Wheelabrator notes that at pages 30 and 31 of the Settlement Agreement itself there is a discussion of the arrangements contemplated for power sales, contracts and their attendant obligations. Given that arrangements concerning power sales agreements, such as the ones that Wheelabrator has with New England Power Company are the subject of the settlement, Wheelabrator has a direct interest in these proceedings.

3. Wheelabrator notes that its Petition for Intervention is late. In this regard, Wheelabrator will not disturb the record of the proceeding to date and given the early stage of the proceeding Wheelabrator believes that allowing its intervention at this time will not disturb the proceeding or delay it in any way.

WHEREFORE for the reasons set forth in the above petition Wheelabrator Environmental Systems Inc., respectfully requests leave to intervene in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Wheelabrator Environmental Systems Inc.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was this day served via U.S. Mail, first class, postage prepared to all of the parties on the attached service list.

Dated: May 12, 2006

William C. Sheehan